

3 HOUSES ROBBED IN MEXICO MONDAY NIGHT

Some unknown person broke into Dr. N. R. Rodes, John Bial and Mark Pilcher's residence Monday night and got away with a watch and chain and about \$2.50.

An attempt was made at H. B. McKinley's home but a bull dog frightened the intruder away.

Entrance was gained into Dr. Rodes' home on Anderson St. through a front window, which was opened, presumably with a "key". The robber went clear through the house opening all the doors leaving no exit. He opened the drawers containing the silver in the dining room, but left everything intact. Upstairs however he went into Byland Rodes' room and took his watch and chain. No one in the house heard him but Ross Cuthbert, next door heard a door slam and thinking it was in his house got out of bed. It is supposed this frightened the "visitor" who took his departure.

At Mr. Pilcher's residence the robber entered through a window which had never been opened before. He went into the room on the first floor where Mr. Pilcher was sleeping and took his purse containing \$5 cents. For the first time since he can remember, Mr. Pilcher had put his valuable diamond ring in his vest pocket and hung the vest on the bed. As a usual thing he places the ring in a pocket of his trousers. The robber, Monday evening, went through his trousers but overlooked the vest.

At Mr. Bial's home, entrance was gained through a side door and the robber took Mrs. Bial's purse containing a little more than \$2.00.

MEXICO SHOULD NOT LET STOCK SALES DAY DROP

Dear Ledger:

Columbia, Mo., May 4.—Opportunity is knocking at the door of Mexico and if something isn't done shortly we won't even have the chance of a "fall holt" on this elusive visitor. Columbia has "hog-tied" and hypnotized Opportunity and not satisfied with that has gone ahead and is keeping the hostage under continual and sleepless watch.

About the same time Mexico started her latest effort for monthly Stock Sales Day Columbia inaugurated the same movement.

However Columbia was not satisfied with a perfunctory effort but believing eternal vigilance is the price of success has not allowed the stock men to over look one of the sales days since the beginning.

Last Saturday was stock sales day in Mexico but only the man with an excellent memory would have recalled the fact, so rapidly falling in line with other events now chronicled as history.

If Mexico wishes to have a Stock Sales Day, in any degree as successful as that of Fulton, continued work is required. Columbia realizes this and what is being done in this little city can be duplicated in Mexico with just as great success.

In the first place the Columbia Commercial Club, each month, takes pains to notify, in advance, the farmers and stockmen who will likely have something to sell or are in the market for stock. They are not allowed to lose sight of the fact that such-and-such a day is stock sales day in Columbia once each month.

The merchants who by the way are organized and work with a combined interest that has been a boon to business and the growth of Columbia, advertise each month in advance of the Sales Day offering special bargains; bargains which have passed the censorship of a committee appointed to see whether or not they are real bargains. If one merchant advertises an article which is not a value giving bargain he is told he must make his special inducement stronger. In this way those in the trade territory of Columbia are expecting each month special price inducements to trade there and watch for the announcements concerning the Stock Sales Day bargains.

Likewise it brings them into the city on other days because they are becoming better acquainted with the stores and merchants and finding they do so well if not better by purchasing there than through the mails.

The student body of the university, alone, places fully a million dollars in circulation here each twelve months. This is quite an impetus to the business of the city but the merchants are fully alive to opportunity and intend their trade territory shall not be bound by the city limits.

If Mexico intends to successfully maintain her Stock Sales Day, immediate attention must be given to their continued growth. If the Commercial Club does no more than establish this institution it will have accomplished a great thing for the city. With a paid secretary to take charge of this promotion and see to its continued progress the merchants and farmers will find their interests, individually and mutual, furthered and fostered until the receipts will far exceed their expectations.

While we are waiting and seeking for factory propositions the Sales Day should be the permanent problem before the Club. We suggest less material discussion at the week day luncheon and more concrete consideration of this important matter.

Mitchell White.

County Tax Levy Named.

The County Court, Monday, named the county tax levy for the coming year as follows: 40 cents on the \$100 valuation for county revenue; 10 for County Infirmary bonds; 10 for roads; 25 for special road and bridge fund. The State levy which was assessed by the State Board of Equalization is 18. The County Board of Equalization was in session again, Monday, and may remain in session several days.

Where Wife Is Head of House.

A woman advertisement in a Springfield paper: "I warn all persons against trusting my husband on my account, as he is a loafer, a liar, a drunkard and a Bull Moose." Four exceedingly grave charges these, yet a contemporary remarks that this wife is hard to please.—St. Louis Republic.

Installing New Safe

The National Bank is installing a fine new manganese steel global safe which weighs 7,200 pounds and is guaranteed to be both burglar and fire proof. It is the very latest model and the finest that can be bought.

Small Blaze Friday.

Fire was discovered Friday in the kitchen of the residence of Roy Ferris on east Monroe St. It was caused by a defective fuse. The damage was slight and fully covered by insurance.

Highest cash prices paid for Fat Butcher Stock, Veal Calves and Country Produce.

Frank A. Sanner, beef. Both phones.

Miss Florence Donaghy and Miss Brown, of Macon, are the guests of J. W. Woelbridge at the Ringo hotel.

Fine Alfalfa.

Mr. Thomas, who lives on the Robinson place now owned by Col. Muff of Ohio, has thirty acres of fine alfalfa as you ever saw. Mr. Thomas says crops of all kinds never looked better than they do this year.

Joseph Wilkins with a party of friends went to Kansas City in his automobile this week, and reports there was a plenty of rain down as far as Glasgow.

REPRESENTATIVE Mann's

support for the presidency remarked that we have not had a negative with a good stand of us since Benjamin Harrison's

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A Few Specials For Prudent Buyers

Look Them Over! They Are Money-Saving Opportunities!

50c Ladies' mercerized union suits, silk tape, special price	39c
10c corset covers, fancy trimmed, special price	9c
1 gross of Boudoir caps, new arrivals, special price	10c
Boys' waists, military collars, special price	25c
Ladies' hose special—full seamless gauze hose, sold by many stores at 25c very light weight, our special price, pair	15c
White washable face chamois, regular 9c grade, special price	5c
Plate, Cup and Saucer Special. 2 gross of Austrian china cup, saucers and plates, decorated in floral border, imported before European war started, worth \$1.49, special price, set	60c
"Gipsy" Wagon Special. Wagon, 19 inches long, canvass covered, 2 horses, steel body, yellow wheels, a dandy toy, worth 50c, special price	39c
Rug Special. Full room-size rug, 11 feet 3 inches by 12 feet, large size Brussels rug, worth \$18.00, special price	\$12.49
Tin Wash Boiler. With cover, worth 50c, special price	39c
50c Men's work shirts, special price	39c
25c Men's police suspenders, special price	19c
Cedar Oil dust mop with can of oil, worth 75c, the two for	49c
Medium size galvanized wash tub, worth today, 40c, special price	25c
8 Quart granite Berlin kettle, with bail and cover, worth 40c, special price	25c
Two big boxes of parlor matches, the regular 5c a box kind, our special price, two boxes	5c
\$3.50 16-inch lawn mower, special price	\$2.49
Overall Special. Men's band overall with belt, 50c seller, our special price	39c
Notions at Very Special Prices. Cut out leather half-soles, pair	10c
Brass plated shoe tacks, box	4c
Clark's O. N. T. thread, spool	4c
One pound jar vaseline	10c
16 oz. bottle of Peroxide worth today 25c, our special price	15c
Men's socks, gray or black, menders of 10c socks, special price on this lot, pair	5c
Extra large granite wash bowl, worth 25c, our special price	10c
Barber towels, hemmed, ends, dozen	35c

Special, Saturday, May 8th, 10 a. m. to 11 a. m.

12 bars of Lenox Soap for 25c. Not over 12 bars to a customer. No deliveries will be made on this soap at this special price.

Ragsdale's Cash Store

ALLIES HAVE REBUILT THEIR LINES IN WEST

London, May 5.—The British war office has made public the following official communication:

"The loss of ground which resulted from the unexpected use of asphyxiating gases by the enemy last week necessitated a readjustment of our line in front of Ypres.

"This readjustment, which has been in progress in the last few days, is successfully completed.

"The new line runs to the west of Zonnebeke.

"In the last twenty-four hours the situation has been normal along the whole front, with the exception of one half hearted attack by the enemy northeast of Ypres last night. It was beaten off."

Vienna, May 5.—(via London).—Thirty thousand Russian soldiers, twenty-two cannons and sixty-four machine guns were captured at the battle of West Galicia, according to an official statement out in Vienna.

THE WAY TO PREPARE FOR A DROUTH.

WHILE we do not believe there is going to be another drouth in Missouri this year, it is well enough to prepare as far as possible for dry weather and the following from the Breeder's Gazette will be of interest along this line:

The central cornbelt has been preparing for drouth. Following two dry summers we have a spring with much less than the usual amount of rain. But the dry weather has permitted field work to be rushed. Many farmers have finished plowing for corn, and have disked the land both before and after. Determined work is saving needed moisture. It will all be required for the corn. Fall-plowed ground has received much more attention than heretofore. Those who neglected such land last year until complaining time found it very dry and hard. They also husked less corn than from spring-plowed fields. The fault was not with fall plowing but with spring neglect.

Early plowing is the thing for corn. It gives one time to work the ground down well and kill a few crops of little weeds before the corn goes in. Cultivation is much cheaper before planting than afterward. This early and repeated stirring of the soil seems also to increase bacterial action, so that plant food is set free faster. At all events corn planted on thoroughly prepared land grows remarkably fast—and it yields heavily. From this time on through the summer exposed ground if solid loess moisture very fast. The water it now contains is just as good as any for growing plants. The sensible course is to keep it in the soil rather than depend upon chance showers to supply the corn with a weekly watering. With a corn crop well planted on a fine seedbed we may expect a fair yield in spite of subsequent frosts of the weather. A good thing about it is that preparing for drouth also prepares the land to soak up a great amount of water whenever it rains.

AUTO OWNERS NOTICE.

Many New Owners Could Save Trouble By Getting Temporary License.

Many new owners of automobiles would save themselves trouble, arrest, conviction, fines and penalties if they knew the law and insisted on their legal rights when they buy their new car. If the purchaser of a car will demand of the dealer from whom he buys one of the dealer's number plates to cover the operation of the car till the buyer gets it home, or until he can make application for and receive owner's number plate, he will be in no danger of arrest. Some dealers in the large cities tell their customers they may drive their car home without a number plate. Purchasers that don't know the law compel the dealer to furnish a plate for temporary use go forth without a plate only to be picked up by some constable or sheriff. Purchasers should insist on their legal rights, and wherever a dealer refuses to furnish his customer a number plate, the customer is justified in promptly refusing to buy the car. Section four of the law says, "The dealer shall upon application of the buyer furnish his customer for temporary use one of the dealer's number plates, which plate the customer may be allowed to use for fifteen days, provided he shall have mailed his application for owner's number plate."

The foregoing paragraph when read and acted upon by prospective automobile buyers will save not only great annoyance but many thousands of dollars in fines and penalties throughout the State each year.

SELECTING THE JURY.

The work of selecting a jury for the trial of M. P. Carpenter, formerly of Mexico, at Paragould, Ark., began Tuesday and it is said several days will be consumed before twelve men can be found who will act. A large number of witnesses are in Paragould, Ark. for the trial and it is probable several from Mexico will go to testify in Mr. Carpenter's behalf. With Mr. Carpenter are his son, Price, and daughter, Miss May and Mrs. W. H. Thompson.

Bennett Champ Clark, of Bowling Green, was in Mexico, on business, Thursday.

Millinery at 1/2 PRICE

NO FAKE ABOUT THIS SALE

Bought at a Big Discount for Cash

LOT 1—Extra fine grade genuine Leghorn and Panama Shapes, honestly \$3.00 and \$4.00 values. While they last

LOT 2—50 Trimmed hats combining light or dark colors, also all white trimmed in Ostrich wings or flowers, values up to \$5.00 and \$6.00. While they last

LOT 3—Pattern Hats in elegant line of materials all the newest designs. Black, White and Sand color. Well worth from \$7.50 to \$10.00. Your choice

See Our Windows

10, 20 AND 30 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

30 Years Ago.
Moberly was building a \$20,000 water works plant.
William Kirtley, of this county, died at the home of his daughter in Kentucky.
Zach Herndon went to Fort Worth, Texas to clerk in Maj. Ford's hotel.
There was not a vacant store room in Mexico.
The Rev. C. C. Hersman was president of Westminster College, Fulton.
B. R. Younger was arranging to open a grocery store in the Snyder building.
J. W. Smith and C. G. Brown were proprietors of the Palace shoe store in the Hardin building.
Sudie Edmonston was president and Cora Woodlan, secretary of the Hardin Alumnae Association.

20 Years Ago.
Mrs. Joseph Barth and children, Selma and Louis, were arranging for an extended visit in Europe.
R. L. Turner and Miss Mayme Bybee, both of this city, were married.
T. J. Hoxsey and family went to Mendocino, Calif., to reside.
Thurston Duncan was elected Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Chapter which met in St. Louis. Beside Mr. Duncan, John Abhay and A. S. Houston of this city, attended the meeting.
Matthew Fountain was building a \$10,000 opera house at Centralls.
Fred Hagedorn, of this county, was suffering with blood poisoning.
The Harrison Brick Mfg. Co., a corporation for the manufacture of brick was organized in Mexico with a capital of \$6,000. The incorporators were A. M. Harrison, W. K. Potts, J. A. Glandon, W. E. Blattner and Fred Blattner.
Miss Bettie Wright, 22 years old, died in this city.

10 Years Ago.
Harry Luckie was killed in Houston, Texas, by a live wire. His body was buried in Elmwood cemetery.
A. Dismore, of Imlay City, Mich., moved to Mexico and opened a five and ten cents store.
Arrangements were being made for Mexico to hold a large street fair in the fall.
The eight-year-old son of Mr. La Rue, living northeast of Mexico was fatally injured when a large barn was blown over on him by a wind storm.

E. B. Sellari was arranging to open a feed mill and wood and coal yard in Mexico.
George A. Brock purchased J. E. Moore's grocery store.
Barry and Precht sold their furniture business to R. O. McPheeters and Co.
The corner-store of the new Christian church was laid by the Masons, Grandmaster L. B. Vallant officiating.

NEED PROHIBITION.
London, May 5.—Here are some of the unqualified statements made by officers of the navy in a "White Paper on drink, issued recently by the Admiralty:

"That drink is causing the men in the shipyards, charked with making the repairs necessary to keep the fleet at sea, to do much less work than they ever did in peace times, so that in one case 125 fitters did only as much work in a week as twenty-eight men should have done.

"That in one case work on the inner bottom of a ship was so badly done, presumably because the men who did it were drunk, that it had to be condemned.

"That in two cases the crews of transports deserted in a body.

"That drunken firemen frequently cannot keep up steam, endangering the lives of thousands of soldiers.

"That at any time the whole shipbuilding industry of the Clyde may come to a stand still.

"That all this is due to the fact that men can earn enough in three days to keep them drunk the rest of the week.

CHINESE WILL OPPOSE THE JAPS AT PEKING

London, May 5.—"I am authoritatively informed," the Times' Tokyo correspondent says, "that the tone of the Chinese reply to the Japanese demands precludes further conversations. China not only refuses to concede Article 5, but does so in language distinctly provocative.

"China's attitude since the presentation of the modified demands became decidedly less conciliatory than at any time earlier in the negotiations when Japan's proposals were much more exacting."

Pekin, May 5.—Military preparations are being made for the defense of Peking. According to the Chinese officials, whose statements have been corroborated in other circles, the government is making no preparations elsewhere than in the capital for defense, considering the Chinese will be unable to oppose the Japanese should they make an attack.

It is asserted in high quarters one hundred thousand troops have been concentrated in the environs of Peking, but with sufficient ammunition for only a brief resistance.

Case Seed.
We have some as good as there is on the market. Come in and see it and get our prices before you buy. Wm. Pollock Mill & Elev. Co.

DR. HARRISON PRESIDENT
At a meeting of the Linton District Medical Society in this city, Tuesday afternoon, Dr. J. F. Harrison was elected president of the organization. Other officers elected were: Dr. J. G. Moore, 1st vice-president; Dr. Gibbs, of Bowling Green, 2nd vice-president; Dr. N. R. Rodes, secretary; Dr. Clarence Rothwell, treasurer. A number of out-of-town physicians attended the meeting and several very interesting and instructive papers were read.

Cuckoo, Cuckoo?
Are you patronizing home industry? Are you turning your money back in to the farmers hands of Audrain County? If you buy POLLOCKS CUCKOO Chick feed you keep the money at home. Manufactured by the Wm. Pollock Mill & Elev. Co. dw1

Mrs. J. P. Harrison, of McCredie, is the guest of the Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Culbertson.

The "Friendship Bracelet"

A Link of Friendship for 25c

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Patent Applied For

The newest and most popular novelty of the year. Build a friendship Bracelet of silver links with a friend's initials on each link. When you have enough links, bring them to us, we'll furnish the connecting links and catch, and make your bracelet for 25c.

Worrell, The Jeweler

ON THE CORNER OF MEXICO

WE LEAD IN PRICES

We want your eggs, straight from the farm. For highest cash prices bring your eggs and poultry to

Mexico Poultry Company

WATCH OUR DOOR SIGN

Another Robbery.

Charles Spottwood's grocery store near the railroad in East Mexico was entered by robbers, Tuesday night and \$5 or \$6 in money and about \$15 worth of tobacco were taken. Entrance was gained by breaking out one of the front windows and the intruder tore down a large amount of the stock.

Graham Flour.
Now is the time to eat Graham bread and biscuits. It is much healthier and more cooling. Try a six pound sack for sale by all grocers. Manufactured by Wm. Pollock Mill & Elev. Co.

Miss Abbie and Julia Sullivan left today for California and the Exposition. They will also visit relatives in Stockton and Bakersfield.

Miss Ollie Powell is back at her position as cashier for the F. A. Hightshoe Poultry Co.

CROOK IN MULES' TAIL ISSUE

Kansas City, Mo., May 5.—Rules as to mules' tails entered into the proceedings of the Kansas City Court of Appeals Tuesday when the court held, in affirming a Cass County decision, that the buyer of a mule, which proved to have a crooked tail when the animal was represented to be "sound" is entitled to recover the cost price.

James B. Connelly, a farmer, brought suit against Alonzo Parish, also a farmer, for the purchase price of two mules, which he alleges he had bought from Parish believing them to be sound. Later, he said, he discovered they had crooked tails in their tails. No expert testimony was adduced to show what effect crooked tails had on the value of mules as farm animals.

Mrs. Eugene Smith has returned to her home in St. Louis after a visit with her sisters, the Misses Karnes, in this city.

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On Improved Farms

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